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DIVISIONAL APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

Mail Stop Patent Application
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a divisional application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) of Serial No. 08/931,861, filed on September 16, 1997 entitled METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CONTROLLING THE IMPROVING OF A PROGRAM LAYOUT by the following inventor(s):

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1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application; including the specification, claims, drawings, a signed oath or declaration, and any amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application. (It is noted that no amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced

new matter therein.) The divisional application is as follows: 57 pages of specification, 71 claims, 1 page of abstract, 28 sheets of drawings, and 4 pages of oath or declaration.

- The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- 2. Cancel original claims 1-50 and 68-71 of this application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
- 3. The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED

NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA		RATE	FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS: 17	-20	0	x	\$18.00
				0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 2	-3	0	x	\$84.00
				0.00
			BASIC FILING FEE:	\$750.00
			TOTAL FILING FEE:	750.00

- Small entity status is claimed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.27.
- 4. Payment of fees:
 - Attached is a check in the amount of 750.00
 - Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725.
- 5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees as set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.16 to 1.18 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-2725.
- 6. A preliminary amendment is enclosed
- 7. The prior application is assigned of record to Microsoft Corporation located at One Microsoft Way, Redmond, Washington 98052.
- 8. The original Power of Attorney in the prior application is to:

Seed and Berry LLP
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- 10. Also Enclosed: Copy of 2 Revocation & Power of Attorney Documents resulting in Power of Attorney vested with Merchant & Gould P.C.
- 11. Address all future communications to the **Attention of Joshua W. Korver** (may only be completed by attorney or agent of record) at the address below.

12. A return postcard is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: 7/23/03


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